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Designating the College of William and Mary as the official United States representative to the Tercentenary Celebration of the Glorious Revolution to be celebrated jointly in the United States, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom.

Whereas the years 1988-1989 signify the three hundredth anniversary of the accession of King William III and Queen Mary II to the throne of England;

Whereas the Governments of the Netherlands and the United Kingdom have established a William and Mary Tercentenary Committee for the purposes of celebrating this event in all appropriate ways, including historical, educational, horticultural, maritime, artistic, scientific, and performing arts activities;

Whereas the Tercentenary Committee has invited the College of William and Mary in Virginia, founded by their Joint Majesties under a royal charter granted in 1693, to be the New World representatives of the William and Mary Tercentenary celebration;

Whereas the historical and cultural ties of the 1688-1689 period to the constitutional history of the United States of America are profound, including the beginnings of the limited and constitutional government and the establishment of the English Bill of Rights; and

Whereas the College of William and Mary desires to organize and participate in celebrations relating to the Tercentenary in this country and in the Netherlands and United Kingdom as appropriate: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the College of William and Mary in Virginia is hereby designated as the coordinating body for the 1988-1989 celebrations relating to the world of William and Mary and its relationship to the former British colonies in America now known as the United States of America.

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